GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1026
ANSWERED ON:28.07.2000
LICENSES TO OPIUM GROWERS
LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of opium growers given licence during 1999-2000, 2000-2001 in Neemuch, Mandsaur and Ratlam districts of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the total area in which opium has been cultivated;

(c) the quality of the pod (doda) likely to be obtained from opium cultivators this year;

(d) Whether there is any contradiction between the Union and State Government in regard to the issue of licence for the sale of poppy (doda); and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V.DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) The number of opium growers to whom licences were given during 1999-2000 in the districts of Neemuch, Mandsaur and Ratlam was 61,701. Licensing for the crop year 2000-01 is yet to begin.

(b) The total area cultivated in the three districts of Neemuch, Mandsaur and Ratlam during 1999-2000 is 11,185 hectares.

(c) Cultivation for this year is yet to take place.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.